

A clean copy of all pending claims 13-24 and 28-30 is provided in attached Appendix B.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments is submitted herewith which proposes changes to Figures 1-8.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 22, 2002, has been received and carefully considered. Claims 13-24 and 28-30 are pending in the present application.

In this response, claims 16, 19, and 20 have been amended, and amendments to the drawings have been proposed. Entry of the amendments to claims 16, 19, and 20 is respectfully requested. Approval of the proposed amendments to the drawings is also respectfully requested. Consideration of amended claims 16, 19, and 20 and reconsideration of claims 13-15, 17, 18, 21-24, and 28-30 is further respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. THE ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the process clearly establishes the steps of: "forming an